

What is Claimed is:

1. A beverage container, comprising:  
An outer shell comprising first, second, third, and fourth sidewalls; wherein  
said first sidewall has a first opening formed therein and a lower flap  
depending therefrom,  
said second sidewall has an upper flap depending therefrom defining a first  
handle portion, and a lower flap;  
said third sidewall has an upper flap depending therefrom comprising a slot  
for receiving a handle and a second opening formed therein, and said third sidewall  
further comprising a lower flap depending therefrom;  
said fourth sidewall has an upper flap depending therefrom defining a second  
handle portion, and a lower flap;  
wherein said upper flaps cooperate to form a top surface of said outer shell  
and said lower flaps cooperate to form a bottom surface of said outer shell; and  
wherein said first opening and said second opening cooperate to receive and  
support a mouth of a flexible inner liner configured to receive and store a liquid  
beverage.
2. The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said lower flaps cooperate to  
provide a plurality of layers defining a bottom surface of said outer shell.
3. The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said upper flaps cooperate to  
define an upper surface of said container, and further cooperate to define a handle.
4. The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner has a  
bag portion and a mouth portion.
5. The beverage container as in Claim 4, wherein said mouth portion is disposed  
through said first opening and said second opening and is supported thereby.
6. The beverage container as in Claim 5, wherein said mouth portion defines a  
retaining portion configured to receive a peripheral edge of each of said first and second  
openings thereby maintaining the mounted relationship therewith.
7. The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said first handle portion  
cooperates with said second handle portion to define a handle.

8. The beverage container as in Claim 7, wherein said handle extends in a plane substantially orthogonal to a plane of said upper surface.

9. The beverage container as in Claim 8, wherein said plane of said upper surface forms an acute angle with respect to a plane of said bottom surface.

10. The beverage container as in Claim 9, wherein rotating said container such that said handle is substantially horizontal causes liquid therein to dispense through said mouth.

11. The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner is affixed to the outer shell at one or more locations.

12. The beverage container as in Claim 11, wherein said flexible inner liner is adhered to one or more of said first sidewall, second sidewall, third sidewall, and fourth sidewall.

13. A foldable liquid container comprising:

an outer shell comprising a first pair of sidewalls aligned generally perpendicular to one another and a second pair of sidewalls aligned generally perpendicular to one another and generally orthogonal to said first pair of sidewalls, wherein at least one of said sidewalls is configured with an opening therein, and further comprising a plurality of upper end flaps depending from one or more of said sidewalls, and wherein at least one of said upper end flaps defines a handle; and

a bag configured to reside within said outer shell comprising a flexible, liquid reservoir, and a rigid pouring spout connected to said liquid reservoir, and wherein said pouring spout is configured to fit within said sidewall opening, wherein said liquid reservoir is further configured with a tab extending therefrom such that applying a tension force to said tab causes a portion of said liquid reservoir to be displaced away from said pouring spout, thereby allowing the interior of the liquid reservoir to communicate with the atmosphere through the pouring spout.

14. The foldable liquid container of Claim 13, further comprising a plurality of radial slits radiating from said opening in said sidewall.

15. The foldable liquid container of Claim 13, wherein one of said upper end flaps has an opening formed therein configured to fit over said spout thereby securing said upper end flap over said spout.

16. The foldable liquid container of Claim 15, wherein said upper end flap opening has a plurality of radial slits radiating therefrom.

17. The foldable liquid container of Claim 13, wherein said handle is configured to support the filled weight of said foldable liquid container in a filling, a transporting, and a dispensing orientation.

18. The foldable liquid container of Claim 13, wherein said tab is affixed to said outer shell and is configured such that when the outer shell is erected from a flattened state, the outer shell applies a force to said tab allowing said bag to expand within said shell.